

REMARKS

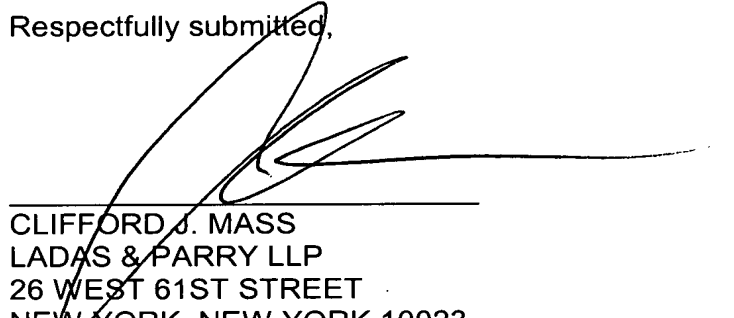
The Official Action of 30 January 2007 has been carefully considered and reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to remove the basis for the rejection under 35 USC 101 appearing on page 3 of the Official Action. Non-elected claims 10-21 have been amended to depend from product claim 1 so as to facilitate their rejoinder upon the allowance of the elected product claim (see MPEP 821.04).

Claims 4-9 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description and enablement requirements. To overcome these rejections, Applicants submit herewith a Statement of Biological Culture Deposit signed by the undersigned attorney of record on behalf of the assignee in this matter.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections and objections of record have been overcome and that the application is now in allowable form. An early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited and is believed to be fully warranted.

Respectfully submitted,



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